



Women 2 Women

Women's Advisory Committee Newsletter

Chair's Corner

Donya M. Douglas

Greetings! Welcome to Spring, a time of rebirth and rejuvenation. The last few months have been invigorating for the Women's Advisory Committee. We held our annual retreat in February and a work session in March where we reaffirmed our commitment to the Women's Advisory Committee, to each other, and to you. We continuously examine ourselves and our direction to ensure that we're addressing the needs of women here at Goddard. Thank you for your emails and phone calls. It's inspiring to know that you find value in our newsletters, programs, and events. Your feedback is critical as we continue our work of creating a self-sustaining community for mutual support and cultural transformation.

-Donya

Important Dates

- 04/06 Lactation Q & A Session
12 noon in Bldg. 33,
Rm A128
- 04/14 Networking Luncheon
12 noon in Bldg. 1 Cafe
- 04/19 WAC Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
in Bldg. 8, Rm 429
- 04/26 Knowledge Sharing
Workshop for Code 600
in Rec. Ctr. at 8:30 a.m.

WAC Committee Members

- OHR Rep. [Arletta Love](#)
- EEO Advisor [Lynne Slater](#)
- 100 Rep. [Gail Williams](#)
- 200 Rep. [Carla Hubbard](#)
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- 300 Rep. [Laurie Kleppin](#)
- 400 Rep. [Kellie Behrle](#)
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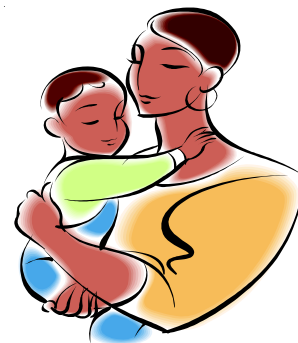
Quick Links

WAC web site
<http://wac.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Lactation Program:
<http://ohr.gsfc.nasa.gov/family/lactation/policy.htm>

Lactation Q & A Sessions Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lactation Q & A session is on **April 6, 2005**, in Bldg. 33, Rm A128 at 12:00 p.m. All sessions are open to Moms interested in Nursing issues. Janet Montrie, a registered nurse lactation consultant from Holy Cross Hospital will be at GSFC to answer questions about your Nursing. Bring your lunch, your baby and questions. Come meet the rest of the nursing moms on center!



For more information, please call Florence Tan at x6-3072 or Pam Millar at x4-6730.

Networking Luncheons



The WAC would like to invite all Goddard women to W A C Women's Networking

Luncheons. The luncheons provide an opportunity to meet and greet new people, as well as, share ideas and experiences.

The luncheons take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12 noon in the Bldg. 1 cafeteria. For more information, contact Ann Parsons at Ann.M.Parsons@nasa.gov

The next networking luncheon will take place on **April 14, 2005**, at noon in Bldg. 1 cafe.

Talk Back!

It's all about you!

The Women's Advisory Committee (WAC) wants to hear from you. Share your thoughts and feedback with us by dropping a note to the chair, Donya Douglas, Code 545, Donya.M.Douglas@nasa.gov

**Communication is a two-way street...
Thank you for talking back!**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal."

-Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902)
First Women's Rights Convention, July 19-20, 1848



Welcome to **Spotlight**, a new feature in Women 2 Women.

In every issue we will focus on someone at Goddard to provide with more insight into women you see or hear about every day. If you have anyone you would like profiled, please email Tara Holby at Tara.E.Holby@nasa.gov

Amy Simon-Miller: Scientist at Goddard

By Mo Madden



Amy Simon-Miller

Remembering Women's History was last month and recently there has been a lot of discussion about the lack of women in scientific fields. **Amy Simon-Miller** is a young Astronomer here at Goddard in the Planetary Systems Lab. She is a member of the American Astronomical Society's (AAS) Committee on the Status of Women in Astronomy (CSWA) and has presented the committee's findings to the January, 2005 Council meeting. The document's title was "Equity Now: The Pasadena Recommendations for

Gender Equality in Astronomy". Simon-Miller was happy to report that the document was well received by the AAS and hopes it will act on many of the recommendations. Currently, Simon-Miller is busy analyzing the data from the Cassini mission studying Saturn. She is studying the atmosphere, winds and cloud structures. She is looking at the processes that occurs at the equators of planets to see if there is a correlation to Earth's atmosphere and how it relates to the ozone layer. She has been interested in Astronomy since high school and has never owned a telescope. Sally Ride was her inspiration to enter the science field and her ultimate goal is to become an Astronaut. Simon-Miller is married to a fellow Astronomer who works at Johns Hopkins and they have an eleven-month-old son. She telecommutes sometimes and finds it tough to balance family and work. The demands of scientific discovery do not wait for maternity leave. So, Simon-Miller was working part time after the birth of her son because Cassini was passing through Saturn's rings at the same time. She has given many educational outreach talks including one to 200 people at the visitor center about the Cassini insertion, to Girl Scout troops and many classrooms. She does find it tough to explain the demands of her job to friends who do not work in a research career. Simon-Miller hopes to have her son attend the Goddard Child Development Center. Her other interests are quilting, sewing, gardening and softball. We look forward to the many accomplishments this young leader in astronomy will make.

Federally Employed Women

Federally Employed Women (FEW) is a private, non-profit membership organization that works as a constructive pressure group to improve the status of women employed by the federal government. This includes lobbying on Congressional legislation, and meeting with management officials in all agencies to demonstrate support of the Federal Women's Program (FWP), encourage officials to support the program, and to obtain insight on the effectiveness of the agency's FWP at the national and local levels.

The training of federal employees for career enhancement and improved public service has been one of FEW's primary objectives since its inception and the National Training Program (NTP) is a major component of the program put in place to achieve that objective. NTP is a training program where each year thousands of women meet together to share experiences and build skills. It provides outstanding opportunities for individuals who want to advance in the contracting, procurement, computer, and planning fields. The NTP includes an exhibit hall that are carefully selected to provide attendees with the access to the tools they need to improve productivity and enhance job skills.

The 2005 NTP with its Focused Training Tracks for Specialties, motivational keynote speakers, and networking opportunities will assist attendees in creating a successful vision of their future career possibilities.

Develop Your Vision:

- Where do you see yourself in 5, 10, 20 years?
- What skills will you need to get there?
- Share the vision you create with your managers, co-workers, staff, family, and friends who will help make it happen.

The integrity-based knowledge gained from the NTP helps attendees to "Catch the Vision" and develop a plan to achieve their goals. The 2005 conference takes place in Reno, Nevada, July 18 – 22. Online conference registration began March 15, 2005. For more information, visit <http://www.fewntp.org/>



Quiz on Women's History sponsored by the National Women's History Museum

www.nmwh.org

American women have been contributing in the professional fields as well as in the nurture of family and community from before our nation was founded until today.

Test yourself on how much you know about the history of women. The quiz answers are listed on the [WAC web site, under resources](#).

1. She is primarily remembered as a founder of the Settlement House Movement and the first American Woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.
2. Female physicists who opened up and developed nuclear physics, despite prejudice against women in a traditionally male field, prejudice against their races, and the horror of world wars. Unfortunately, their colleagues received Noble prizes for their works. Name the two nuclear physicists.
3. Almost a century ago, she noticed the environmental problems associated with rapid urbanization. In She was the first woman admitted to a scientific school and 1873, MIT awarded her a Bachelor of Science. Unfortunately, she was never awarded the doctorate she earned. She remained an assistant at MIT and began teaching science to female schoolteachers at night. In a renovated MIT garage, she opened the world's first Science Laboratory for Women, where she began her study of ecology. Name the pioneer the field of sanitary engineering
4. People remember her as a silver screen actress, but many people may not know is that she helped the United States win World War II. Her invention became a key component of wireless data technology, from cell phones to wireless networking systems.
5. An artist specializing in plaster of Paris sculptures, she invented one of the most revolutionary substances in the history of the modern construction industry: a building material that is both indestructible and fireproof. Name the inventor.
6. Do you know the inventor and entrepreneur of 'Liquid Paper'?
7. She graduated at the top of her class at Geneva Medical College in 1847, becoming the first woman to graduate from an American medical school. (Previously, seventeen medical schools had rejected her on the basis of her gender.) With her sister, she founded the Women's Medical College in 1868. Who is the pioneer in preventive medicine and in the promotion of antisepsis and hygiene?
8. She delivered over 2,000 reportedly healthy infants and performed 5,000 surgeries with the aid of "twilight sleep," an anesthetic 'cocktail' she invented to ease the pain of childbirth.
9. In April, 1777 a 16 year old girl rode on horseback across 40 miles of dark, unmarked roads to spread the alert the British were burning the town of Danbury, Connecticut. Name this true American Hero.
10. Taught by her famous brother Victorio, Lozen was a skilled reconnaissance scout and clever battle strategist, as well as a gifted medicine woman, seer and shaman. Along with Lozen, Dahteste was a trusted scout, messenger and mediator between her people and the U.S. Cavalry. Do you know the warriors' tribe?
11. Even though she graduated third in her class at Stanford Law School in 1952, the only offer she received from a major law firm was for a secretarial position. Name the Court's 102nd justice and its first female member.

Visit the [WAC web site](#) for the quiz answers!

EAP & WAC

By Shelly Cheatham

Shelly Cheatham and Jan Buxton, Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Counselors, received an invitation to attend the Women's Advisory Committee (WAC) Retreat which took place on Feb. 24, 2005. The retreat was held at the picturesque Montpelier Mansion located in Laurel Maryland, which produced an atmosphere conducive to creativity as well as introspective thinking. It was a cold snowy day on the outside, but the warm and friendly atmosphere among the committee members inside, quickly dissipated thoughts of the outdoor chill.

Meeting with the committee allowed the EAP Counselors to gain insight and understanding into past accomplishments, as well as its future goals. Both EAP Counselors were impressed with the level of commitment to the values and principles of the organization that was exemplified by each member. The EAP Counselors were encouraged to participate with the group in exercises that provided us a better understanding of ourselves as well as the other committee members.

The EAP intends to support and partner with the WAC to help it achieve its present and future goals.